



# ***Universal Static Line*** ***(USL)***

## ***Overview:***

The U.S. Army currently has a requirement for a **Universal Static Line (USL)** suitable for airborne operations from all current Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine aircraft. The current 15-foot static line in use is not acceptable for use on the Air Force's newest transport plane, the C-17.

A single length 20-foot line was shown to be suitable on the C-17, however, it induced an increased safety risk on the C-130.

The USL is a single adjustable static line that can be configured in different lengths without the need to repack the main canopy system.

Components of the USL consist of a new static line snap hook, a 15-foot static line segment, and a 5-foot 7-inch static line extension segment.

Attachment of components to one another and the parachute deployment bag is by means of girth hitching.

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